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Trieste Riot



The birth of the Trieste Free Territory on September 15th was marked by rioting and bloodshed. Nations obtained from such a protest against the Peace Treaty and a general strike were proclaimed. Five bombs were thrown, injuring some 30 people. Two rioters injured by an exploding grenade were here, even put into a jail to be taken to hospital. The riot turned into a free-for-all in a Venice-Giulia civil policeman. (A Photo)

TYPHOON THREAT PASSES

Hits Coast To North Of Colony Widespread Damage In North Luzon

A slight veer in its course late yesterday afternoon sent Typhoon "Pauline" away from Hong Kong and heading for the China coast. It was expected to hit the mainland midway between the Colony and Swatow before midnight. A signal from the ss. "City of Carlisle," on its way to Shanghai, said the vessel passed through the centre of the typhoon at 7.30 p.m. when the ship was about 150 miles east of Hong Kong. "Pauline" was then moving north-west or north-north-west at 10 knots.

The Royal Observatory at 7.30 p.m. placed the typhoon at 22.4 degrees North, 110.3 degrees East, moving north-west at 10 knots. Another intense typhoon was at the same time reported to the east of Iwojima, moving north. At 4 p.m. the Typhoon directional signal changed from No. 7 to No. 5.

The Observatory last night forecast the weather for today. The Yumai Ferry and the Star Ferry suspended services at 7.30 p.m. and 9.45 p.m., respectively while all police launch patrols proceeded to the typhoon shelters. On land, police patrols were out in steel helmets. Up to one time of going to press, no distress messages had been received except for a report at the Water Police Station that three junks were in difficulty off Green Island.

Preparations to cope with "Pauline" were in full swing throughout yesterday. Shops along the waterfront and in Des Voeux Road stacked their goods high on chairs, desks and tables in anticipation of their premises being flooded. Others took off signs and reinforced windows shutters. "Franklin" removed flowerpots from verandahs and movable objects from roofs. Some even took down radio aerials. All advertising boards on the Star Ferry wharves were removed. School closed at 11 a.m. on the Mainland and at 9 a.m. on the Island.

Immediately after the No. 7 signal was hoisted at 12.15 a.m., all small craft, motor-boats, small steam launches, and sampans proceeded to the Yumai and Causeway Bay typhoon shelters. Later, the larger ships moved from their normal berths to typhoon anchorage in Kowloon Bay, Lanchow and west of Stonecutters Island.

The Navy Sails

The Navy—H.M.S. "Sussex," "Gambusia," "Adamant," "Constance," "Patriot," "Alacrity," "Hunt," and "Alert"—left harbour early yesterday morning heading south-west to avoid the storm. The USS "Turner" and the four Japanese warships which arrived from Japan on Saturday took refuge in Junk Bay.

The only Navy ships in harbour last night were "Cossack," "Comet," "Contest," "Black Swan" and "Amethyst."

The Naval Dockyard dismissed their workers at 2.30 p.m. Except for a few ships which sailed for the north, there was a complete standstill of normal sea communications in and out of Hong Kong. Even the Yumai Ferry Company's scheduled services with Cheung Chau Island and Curying Island were suspended. Air communications were also disrupted.

The whole seafront presented a deserted appearance. Wharves, normally a hub of industry, were completely devoid of activity. The typhoon threat also affected restaurants and tea-houses, which were practically deserted.

Luzon Hit

Manila, Oct. 7. Northern Luzon's rich Cagayan Valley is under water today and thousands are homeless. In the wake of the typhoon "Pauline," which out-topped all one of the most severe storms in memory. The typhoon threat also affected damage from wind and water was apparent, but the plane was unable to land, owing to the flooded runway and high winds.

At Laeang, on the north-west coast, 500 houses are reported destroyed and 500 are under water to a depth of five to ten feet. Airfield installations are wrecked. The Mayor has sent an urgent message to the Government to bring food and emergency shelter.

At Tagbilaran, 210 miles north of Manila, a severe rain is rolling in a muddy wall across the fields bearing a cargo of dead animals, uprooted trees and native houses.

All the three points are isolated. Baguio, 125 miles south-west of Tuguegarao, reports its road links with the coast have been closed by multiple landslides and its 25,000 people are without water and light.

Five have been reported dead to date in areas merely on fringes of the storm.—Associated Press.

In The Atlantic

Jacksonville, Fl. Oct. 6. An unexpected tropical storm, with winds up to 50 miles an hour, began lashing the Atlantic seaboard today and brought unprecedented rains to the beaches east of Jacksonville.—United Press.

The Weather

At 6.55 a.m. G.P.F. 13 p.m. Hong Kong (Summer Time) the typhoon was centred approximately 115 miles E by S of Hong Kong, moving NW at 16 knots and was expected to cross the China coast at a point roughly midway between Hong Kong and Swatow late night. Another intense typhoon in the E of Iwojima is moving N. The Siberian anticyclone over N. China and the Sea of Japan at weekend.

Today's Forecast—Gale force W or NW winds, moderating rapidly, chiefly with squalls, early improving to fair weather.

Yesterday's Weather—Maximum: 77.7 deg. Fah. Minimum: 69.6 deg. Fah. Sunshine: 9.2 hours. Rainfall: 0.5 mm. 0.2 in. Total since Jan. 1—2567.3 mm.—131.07 in. as against an average of 1984.5 mm.: 78.13 in.

Readings at 10 a.m. 4 p.m. Bar. at sea level: 1024.0 1028.4 m.b. Rel. Humidity: 75 72.5 New Point: 75 65 deg. F. Wind Direction: WNW NW Wind Force: 11 15 knots.

OFFICIAL: LONDON STATEMENT ON "NEW" COMINTERN

London, Oct. 7. The Foreign Office today labelled the creation of an international bureau by the Communists in nine European states as "the official reconstitution of the Comintern." The Communists have taken considerable pains to deny that the new organisation formed in Poland last month is a revival of the Comintern, which was ordered out of the business by Prime Minister Stalin in 1943.

A Foreign Office spokesman, addressing a news conference today, said the meeting at Poland at which representatives of nine European Communist parties were present, had "a highly official looking character."

He commented particularly on the presence of A. Zhdanov, a member of the Soviet Politburo.

The spokesman knew of no British intention to protest to the Governments of the nine countries represented against the attacks levelled at Prime Minister Attlee and Foreign Secretary Bevin in the manifesto of the meeting, made public on Sunday.

The spokesman added, however, that "this pronouncement (the manifesto) involves a clear deterioration of the international situation."

Asked whether there were any grounds for a British objection to the recreation of the Comintern, in view of the fact that the Socialist parties of several European countries, including Britain, had themselves created a similar international organisation, with offices in London, the spokesman replied:

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Delhi Queue



Indian women and children, carrying practically every conceivable type of receptacle, are seen queuing at the only tap within the walls of Purana Qila, Delhi, during the communal disorders. Most of them had to wait anywhere from one to three hours to obtain their ration of water. Some live in canvas shelters, others have made "homes" for themselves in caves and nooks in the crumbled walls of the ancient fort. (A Photo)

MUNICIPAL COUNCIL STEP NEARER

On July 24, 1947, it was announced that the Secretary of State for the Colonies had approved the proposals for the revision of the Constitution of this Colony.

Since that date much work has been done in connection with the drafting of the legislation necessary to give effect to the Secretary of State's decision, and it is expected that final drafts of the Bills will be considered by Executive Council in the near future.

In the meantime much work remains to be carried out to effect the administrative arrangements necessary for the establishment of the Municipal Council. These arrangements are concerned with such problems as delimitation of ward

boundaries, preparation of registers of electors, provision and equipment of polling booths, engagement of election supervisory staff, and administrative arrangements for the delegation of functions to the Council.

To take charge of this important work His Excellency the Governor has appointed Mr. J. H. D. Lee, until recently Public Relations Officer of the Hong Kong Government. Mr. Lee will also take charge of the establishment of the administrative machinery required to give effect to the provisions of the Co-Operative Societies Bill, 1947, which was introduced into the Legislative Council on Oct. 2, 1947, and the presentation and correlation of plans and projects submitted by the Colonial Development and Welfare Committee.

Mr. Lee assumes his new duties forthwith. His office is situated in the Colonial Secretariat.

Released for lack of evidence, Harada walked out of the gates of Sugami Prison towards the car of friends who had come to meet him. As he reached the car, Harada fell dead—the victim of a heart disease.—Associated Press.

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Re-Birth Of Nazism Warning

London, Oct. 6. Major E. Jones, Labour Member of Parliament, declared here today that Europe was facing the threat of a resurgence of Nazism.

The "ill-informed clamour in certain quarters for the suspension of war crimes proceedings in Germany," he told Reuters, "will give the air clear to the worst criminals in Europe to come out from their hiding places to revive the Nazi movement."—Reuters.

Murder In Piccadilly

London, Oct. 7. Fashionable crowds in Piccadilly, in the heart of London's West End, today saw a man shoot a woman with whom he had been walking.

He fired three times on the steps of the Berkeley Hotel, wounding the woman in the abdomen and thigh. He then wrapped the revolver in a newspaper and quickly handed it to a policeman who had run to the scene.

In St. George's hospital, the woman, described as young and very pretty by eye-witnesses, gave her name as Michele Lacombe. Her condition is serious. She is reported to be a Frenchwoman and in her middle 20's.

The man, reported to be about 35, of foreign appearance, tall and slender and bearing a scar on his forehead, was taken into custody by the police. He is said to have appeared to be in a "dazed condition."—Reuters and United Press.

50 HONG KONG JUNKS MISSING

Between 40 and 50 junks of the Hong Kong fishing fleet are missing as result of the sudden storm in the Ping Ho fishing grounds area last Friday.

The junks are believed to have either sunk with all hands or to have taken shelter at some so far unknown point in the area. The junks carried an average of between 20 and 30 people each.

Fishermen who brought the news to Hong Kong yesterday added that at least 20 other fishing junks were damaged and floating at the mercy of the sea.

Naval vessels leaving harbour yesterday morning were requested to keep a lookout for disabled fishing craft and an

RAF plane making a flight over the area was also given similar instructions.

Late last night, HMS "Constance" signalled that she had taken on board the crew of a junk, which was abandoned after unsuccessful attempts to take it in tow. The junk was located south of Sham Kong, near Waglan.

Chinese reports yesterday that 200 fishing junks were in difficulty in the Ping Ho area were described as an "exaggeration."

Chinese Dollar Rates Hit Freed Record Low

Batavia, Oct. 7. A U.S. Navy Beechcraft plane landed at Batavia aerodrome today with the three Dutch military men the Republic had taken prisoner when their plane made a forced landing on Saturday at a Republican-held field. Also on board the plane which arrived today was Captain D. J. McMahon, U.S.N.—United Press.

Trade On Barter Basis

Tokyo, Oct. 7. Trade between Japan and sterling countries will be on a barter basis, the Director General of the Japanese Board of Trade stated yesterday.

Japan bought cotton from India and a proportionate amount of goods were sent there in exchange.

Similar negotiations are now taking place between Japan and Australia.

Although Japan is making efforts to establish overseas agencies for her own exporters, it is unlikely that anything will be accomplished in the near future, he added.

Officials of General MacArthur's Headquarters said that no developments had occurred in the Australian wool deal.—Reuters.

SOONG DENIES MISMANAGEMENT

Shanghai, Oct. 7. The Government Central News Agency, in a dispatch from Canton, quotes T. V. Soong, former Chinese Premier, as denying Control Yuan charges that he mismanaged the nation's foreign exchange during his tenure of office.

In an interview with a Central News correspondent, Soong is reported as saying that he merely followed regulations governing foreign currency import and export approved by the now defunct National Defence Council. All purchases of foreign currency were in conformity with these regulations, he said.

The former Premier blamed the Communists for throwing the country into economic chaos through the destruction of "inflation" of Communist "inflation" and increased military expenditures.

"For all these expenditures, certainly not responsible," Soong said, "the world will give a fair verdict."

Slump In Chinese Dollars

Shanghai, Oct. 7. China's already uncertain economic structure suffered new blows today in the wake of news of Government defeats in Manchuria.

Commodity prices claimed an average of ten percent, while the nation's inflated currency continued to decline in value relative to the United States dollar.

Shanghai's black market quoted 82,000 Chinese dollars to one United States dollar—a spectacular increase of CN\$23,000 since the Government began suffering notable reverses in the north-east three days ago. The market opened this morning at 78,000.

The Government, however, continued to keep its official "open-market" rate unchanged at 48,000 Chinese dollars to one American buying and 50,200 to one selling.

The English-language China Press reported wholesale price rises in nearly all commodities. First-quality rice was selling at 680,000 Chinese dollars per picul (133 pounds). This compared with 600,000 dollars three days ago.

The wildly fluctuating markets appeared also to be affected by the wave of rumours, the China Press said. The National Government began suffering from spreading rumours with the intention of disturbing money markets.—Associated Press.

Pessimism

Shanghai, Oct. 7. Local share and commodity markets rose from 10 to 14 percent as pessimistic interpretations of China's political and

The flop in yesterday's money market was Chinese National Currency, which touched the all-time low of 7.7 cents for futures and 8.2 cents for spot (for CN\$1,000).

The fall came shortly after the market opened but late in the afternoon it made a spectacular recovery and closed at 8 cents for futures and 8.05 cent for spot.

Bullish speculators in Plastics reaped a rich harvest yesterday as the price continued to rise after the previous day's landslide. Opening at \$10.30 a 100, bears were able to press it down to \$10.20 only, when it started a non-stop ascent, closing at \$11.35.

There was also an improvement in gold which, after opening at \$388.75 a toad, steadily rose to \$390.50, easing off slightly to \$390.75 at the close.

U.S. dollars, after a non-stop fall over the last few days, suddenly made an about-turn yesterday and climbed back to \$5.46.

Sterling also showed a slight improvement and was quoted at \$11.97. Australian pounds were unchanged at \$12.50.

CAIRO DDT

Cairo, Oct. 6. With the cholera death toll in Egypt since Sept. 4 now officially estimated at 373, the upper Egyptian province of Giza has been declared an infected area.

In an effort to reduce the spread of infection by cholera-carrying flies, Egyptian Air Force planes sprayed the slum districts of Cairo with DDT today. The press continues to urge improvement of the state of public hygiene, which, according to them, is lamentable.—Reuters.

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TENANT'S PROMISE TO QUIT "NOT ENFORCEABLE"

Murder Appeal Dismissed

The appeal by Tse Kwok-wan against sentence of death passed on him by Sir Henry Blackall, Chief Justice, on Aug. 7, when found guilty by a jury of the murder of Lo Yuk-lung, killed in an explosion on Mar. 1, at the Ho Shing Theatre, was dismissed by the Full Court yesterday.

It will be recalled that after being sentenced to death by Sir Henry, Tse raised his right hand and with fist clenched, shouted, "Long Live the Communist Party."

The Full Court before whom the appeal was heard comprised Mr. Justice Williams (Presiding Judge) and Mr. Justice Gould (Additional Judge).

Mr. A. Lonsdale appeared on behalf of the Crown, while Tse was represented by Mr. C. A. S. Ross.

The appeal was based on two grounds, namely, that an alleged statement by the accused to a Police Officer was wrongly admitted in evidence and that evidence of other alleged explosions was wrongly admitted.

Dismissing the appeal, Mr. Justice Williams said, in regard to the first ground of appeal, that the question as to the admissibility of evidence was one for the discretion of the trial judge. The Court was satisfied that the trial judge had exercised his discretion correctly and it was, therefore, not prepared to interfere with the decision of the trial judge.

On the second ground of appeal, the Court was also satisfied that the evidence was rightly admitted. The case of Rev. v. Sims, the latest authority on the admissibility of such form of evidence, clearly supported this view.

The appeal therefore failed on both grounds and was dismissed.

St. Francis Hotel Hearing. Resumed

It was laid down in law that no promise or undertaking by a tenant to quit or vacate premises was enforceable, except in certain circumstances, submitted Mr. Charles Losby yesterday at the resumed hearing of the dispute between The Hong Kong Land Investment & Agency Co., Ltd. (applicants) and The St. Francis Hotel Co., (1933) Ltd., (opponents).

The applicants are applying to a Special Tenancy Tribunal, comprising Mr. Hin-shing Lo (Chairman) and Messrs. E. Hoopes and Chang Kwan-hing (Members), for a recommendation to the Governor, under Section 32 of the Landlord and Tenant Ordinance 1947, that an Exemption Order be granted in respect of 13 Queen's Road Central, at present occupied by the opponents.

The applicants are represented by the Hon. Mr. Leo d'Almada C. Castro, instructed by Mr. R. J. Armstrong of Messrs. Deacons.

Mr. Charles Losby, instructed by Mr. C. A. S. Ross, is appearing for the opponents.

Resuming his arguments, Mr. Losby said that the whole application was misconceived and had been brought in the wrong place. If the Tribunal concluded that the application was not just and equitable, it should not make any recommendation for the Exemption Order.

He had nothing but the utmost respect for the Governor-in-Council and the Tenancy Tribunals. His criticisms concerned only the machinery of the legislation and everything which he had said only went to support two points. The machinery put the opponents in an application at a very great disadvantage. It should be operated both by Tenancy Tribunals and the Governor-in-Council with caution and reserve.

Mr. Losby asked the Tribunal to consider whether or not it would be in the public interest to make the recommendation. He submitted that the putting out of action of 64 bedrooms with the accompanying hotel accommodation, was equivalent to the putting out of action of 64 flats. It was the hotels in the main who were saving the housing position in Hong Kong and that this was no time, if it could be avoided, for putting out of action one hotel with 64 bedrooms.

This was not the kind and type of case in which a Tenancy Tribunal should act under the Exemption Order machinery. The Tribunal was a precedent-making Court, said Mr. Losby, and he asked that it establish a precedent on a very important point, namely, that it should lay down and say to every applicant: "Before you ask us to put into action machinery calculated to displace the law, you must satisfy us that there are no normal means open to you."

No Exemption Order was justified unless the applicant had tried out the legal machinery at his disposal and failed. He said that the only justification for an applicant coming to the Tenancy Tribunal to ask for abnormal methods was that there was no legal machinery available to him.

"Pathetic Spectacle"

Applicants had apparently come to the Tribunal because it was quicker. He reminded the Tribunal of the old saying: "Justice in a hurry is a pathetic spectacle" and said that the mere fact that the applicant was in a hurry was not sufficient ground to make a recommendation for an Exemption Order.

Applicants were quite aware that opponents had taken over the premises to run a hotel. At the time they were taken over, the premises were valueless and it was essential that heavy expenditure be incurred without delay. The applicants must have known that there were words in the lease which were written on and were of no binding effect.

The law had laid down, under Proclamation 15 and under the Landlord and Tenant Ordinance 1947, that certain promises and undertakings, in particular an undertaking to quit or vacate, would not be enforced. When the lease was entered into, the applicants must have been cognizant of the fact that once possession had been given to the opponents, they came under the protection of Proclamation 15.

"The Key"

The key to the whole matter, said Mr. Losby, was a letter dated Jan. 7, 1947, in which the applicants stated that an application by the opponents for recommendation in the new building would be placed before the Board of Directors.

Army Penal System Reform

Following upon the reforms in the Army penal system which were brought into force under the provisions of a directive issued from the War Office, London, in June of this year, the War Office has now announced that soldiers committed to Military corrective establishments for misdemeanors, not amounting to breaches of the civil code and who have qualified for extra privileges by reason of their good conduct are to receive a limited amount of pay at a shilling a day, as from Aug. 1, 1947.

This issue of pay was promised in June when the War Office directed that the old "Glasshouse" methods of correction for recalcitrant soldiers would be replaced by a system based on the principle of progressive moral rehabilitation. The new system provides two types of "Corrective Establishments" which form a single chain of treatment designed to return the soldier to his unit as a good soldier; and a third type which is the Military for sentenced soldiers, who, in the opinion of their commanding officers, are incapable of being returned as useful soldiers.

In Hong Kong the Army has not been able to implement the provisions of the directive fully because of shortage of accommodation. All three types of establishments are held within the Army Detention Barracks here, but the soldiers are isolated from each other and their training and privileges arranged according to the type of sentence they are serving.

Australian Charged As Vagrant

Inspector Russell prosecuted before Mr. P. K. d'Almada at Central yesterday when L. V. Westaway, charged with being a vagrant and without visible means of support, was ordered to be sent to the House of Detention pending repatriation to Australia.

The prosecuting officer told the court that defendant arrived in the colony in March this year. He had obtained employment but owing to illness had resigned. He was not seen again until he surrendered to the police.

He asked his Worship to commit defendant to the House of Detention until arrangements can be made for his return to Australia.

The Superintendent of Imports and Exports announced that his department will be closed on Friday, Oct. 10, for all purposes except for entry and clearance of ships' manifests between 9.00 a.m. and 10.00 a.m. It is also announced that the Government Police Relations Office and the Public Reading Room, Gloucester Arcade, will be closed on that day.

Among departures from the Peninsula Hotel are Judge R. P. Fred. Scobey, C.A. Harwick, J.B. Brown, John Lohman, Miss J. Reynaud, Mr. and Mrs. J. Moffat, S.W. Pierce, L. Vickery, Miss E. Armstrong, Mr. and Mrs. J.J. Mehta, L. Valderhaug, L.J. Ralli, Mr. and Mrs. Cardiff, A.P. Reynaud and Chas. R. Kitchler.

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During his absence, Mr. Springfield will sit in one of the Kowloon Courts.

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The Director of Medical Services announces that passengers leaving Hong Kong for Ceylon and Sarawak are no longer required to possess valid certificates of vaccination against smallpox.

Tyrone Power In Addis Ababa

Addis Ababa, Oct. 6.

Tyrone Power, the Hollywood film star, arrived here by private plane today and will be the guest of Haile Selassie, the Emperor of Abyssinia.

Power, who flew his own plane from the United States to South Africa, was accompanied here by Mr. James Denton, a film producer, and Mr. William Gallagher, a personal friend. They were given an enthusiastic reception by thousands of Ethiopians.

They had planned to fly next to Cairo, but if the cholera epidemic in Egypt continues, they will fly direct to Greece within the next few days.—Reuter.

Committed On Seven Charges

Ng Tim alias Ng Yam, 23, was committed for trial by Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday on two charges of larceny, two of impersonating a Police officer, one of rape and one of demanding \$30 with menaces.

It was alleged by the prosecution, conducted by Det. Sub-Inspector C. Dowman, at the previous hearing that defendant committed an 18-year-old girl at 12.30 a.m. on Aug. 26 and induced her under the pretence of being a detective, to accompany him to a vacant ground off Tai Po Road.

After gagging her and tying her hands behind her back, the Crown alleged, accused criminally assaulted the girl. He was arrested two days later as the result of an alleged attempt to defraud Sham Yan of some cloth.

In evidence, Detective Chin Hong stated that he arrested defendant at Lai Chi Kok Road after the latter had broken away from a constable. At the Police Station, accused was told that he was also suspected of being concerned in a rape case at Tai Po Road. Although cautioned, said witness, accused admitted it.

When searched, a note-book was found inside a jacket pocket. Inside the note-book were a photo of the girl, a deposit receipt and two pawn-tickets relating to rolls of cloth.

Defendant was also committed by His Worship, in separate proceedings, on the count of returning from banishment.

Personalia

Mr. A. Moss, Director of Air Services, has returned to the Colony from a short official visit to Saigon. He has re-assumed his duties from Mr. M. Oxford, who deputized during his absence.

Peninsula Hotel departures include Mr. and Mrs. E.M. Szita, Mr. and Mrs. C.W. Martin, Mr. and Mrs. B.T. Bickford, Miss K. Meriarty, Mrs. L. G. Sush, C.A. Platt, Mr. and Mrs. J.W. Bennett and Mr. and Mrs. L. Spiro.

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JAPAN NEEDS 3 YEARS TO GET ON HER FEET

Washington, Oct. 7.

The Under-Secretary of the Army, William H. Draper, Jr., said at a press conference today that he believed Japan would need three years to attain economic self-sufficiency, even under ideal conditions, and expressed a hope for early signing of the Japanese peace treaty which he said would hasten Japanese economic recovery by reopening world trade channels.

Gen. Draper said Japanese recovery was important for Far Eastern economy. He said that he thought at least two or three years under the best conditions would be necessary to get Japan back on her feet economically. He said that would assume settlement of the reparations question.

General Draper added that Japanese producers would not have to worry about whether plants might be taken away from them and said allowing the Japanese to resume industry could well make Japan the workshop of the Far East, with lasting benefit to China, Korea and the Philippines.

Signing of the peace treaty with Japan would represent the most important single step to encourage trade and commerce throughout the Pacific area. Undoubtedly the delay on agreement on reparations had been holding up Japanese production somewhat, but the major factors in the production process were trade, coal, steel and other raw materials and the food shortage.

He hoped for an early decision on the reparations question. He also said the mission on reparations which was now in Japan should have a report in about two months, which should set the stage for settling the question in "three or four months."

Gen. Draper added that at Osaka machine tools were being made ready for shipment as preliminary reparations and 200,000 tools would be soon on the way to reparations recipients.—United Press.

A fire broke out in a contractor's matchbox at the junction of Portland Street and Waterloo Road at 5.15 a.m. yesterday. There were no casualties.

SERIOUS VIEW TAKEN

For obstructing R.O. Paulle in carrying out his duty, Chen Mo was fined \$100 by Mr. d'Almada at Central yesterday.

Defendant pleaded "Not Guilty" to the charge.

Mr. Paulle said that in a routine search on the s.s. "Kwong Fook Cheung" he discovered, 80 felt hats, four pieces of oil cloth and some packets of camphor. He saw defendant trying to conceal four of the hats.

The I. & E. Department asked that a serious view be taken of the owner of the hats, oil cloth and camphor, Wong Hung, who fined \$50 and the goods confiscated to the I. & E.

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Reaction To "Revival" Of Comintern

Explosion Next Door To Premier

Paris, Oct. 6.
A mine detonator was thrown into the garden next to the house of the Prime Minister, M. Paul Ramadier, at Decazeville, southern-central France, early this morning. No damage or casualties were caused.

M. Ramadier had left for Paris several hours before the detonator exploded, and the Premier's office in Paris said that the incident had no political significance. The identity of the person who threw the explosive is not known.

One of M. Ramadier's staff, who left for Paris with the Premier, is believed to live in the house next to that of the Premier. He is a former Socialist Deputy, and took part in a public debate with a Communist Party delegate on Saturday.

German Companies Up For Auction

Berlin, Oct. 6.
Foreign interests—American, Dutch and Danish—will receive the opportunity of recovering their coal distribution properties in the Western Zones, according to a directive issued today by the American Military Government, placing eight concerns on the auction block.

The American Stinnes Company, holding company which controlled the German Stinnes Company, will, for example, be able to recover two coal distributing companies owned by Stinnes.

The eight companies domiciled in the State of Wuertemberg-Baden are unofficially valued at 6,000,000 reichsmarks. The sale is considered an example by the American Military Government to determine the pattern for future sales of properties estimated at billions. The test sale is also intended to determine whether there is a market for properties which are being decentralized and divorced from their parent companies.—United Press.

U.S. Presidential Prospects

Princeton, N.J., Oct. 6.
George Gallup, Director of the American Institute of Public Opinion, revealed today that 37 per cent of the people polled favoured General MacArthur for President.

Mr. Gallup wrote: "While MacArthur for two years has been the most admired person in the country, Americans are not in the habit of thinking of him as a politician."

"Yet the General has attracted a substantial following of people who would like to see him elected President of the United States. This enthusiastic support con-

tinues despite his total disclaimer of presidential aspiration."

Mr. Gallup revealed that his poll asked the following question: "If a presidential election were being held today and General MacArthur running for President on the Republican ticket against President Truman on the Democratic ticket, how do you think you would vote?"

The answers were: Truman 49 per cent, MacArthur 37 per cent, no opinion 14 per cent.

Mr. Gallup pointed out that while there was doubt whether General Eisenhower was Republican or Democrat, the public lined up this way: Democrats—17 per cent for MacArthur, 73 for Truman, ten no opinion; Republicans—63 per cent for MacArthur, 24 for Truman, 11 no opinion.

"The General's greatest strength lies among professional and business people," Mr. Gallup continued, "and his weakest spot is with labour union members."

"Although no age group gives him a majority, he is more popular with older veterans."—United Press.

Prelude To U.N. Withdrawal?

London, Oct. 6.
The setting up of the nine-nation Communist International Information Bureau with its headquarters in Belgrade is "a decisive forward step in the drive of World Communism against its political opponents," according to diplomatic quarters in London, quoted by Reuters diplomatic correspondent.

The heads of the United Nations delegations at Lake Success, New York, called it "one of the most important international political developments since the war."

This view was held in most world centres, but comment varied from that of a New York Times correspondent who called it a clear declaration of political war to a French view that it forecast a change of Communist policy in France and Italy.

Reuters reports from world centres quoted the following reactions:

London:—A Foreign Office spokesman, stressing that he was speaking "quite unofficially," said: "The absence of co-operation between the Great Powers has been plainly recognised in Eastern Europe."

The decision, Reuters diplomatic correspondent wrote, "appears to carry the rift between the wartime Allies a serious stage further."

"The emphasis on a struggle, whether actual or impending, between East and West in the announcement, has caused lively regret in political circles in London."

U.N. Withdrawal?

"Only last Saturday, Mr. Hector McNeil, Minister of State, was criticised by a Soviet writer in a letter published in the London Times for having said before the United Nations General Assembly that 'We are no longer the company of nations which fought together in war!'"

Lake Success.—United Nations circles said the move was in line with the Soviet "Get tough with America" policy, evident throughout the present session of the General Assembly. Anxiety was expressed over the new organisation.

New York.—The New York Times, giving prominence to a Washington despatch suggesting that a deterioration in relations with Russia was expected there, said that some observers thought "the Kremlin may be preparing for the possibility

Mystery Passenger In Ketch

Hamburg, Oct. 6.
The mystery passenger rescued on Sept. 25 from the drifting 13-ton British ketch Lovely Lady, in which Captain "Dod" Osborne set out to sail the Atlantic "alone", was reported to-day to be a Spaniard.

Bremen port and security officials revealed this to-day as the American ship Jose-Bonifacio (7,176 tons), of Wilmington, North Carolina, which rescued the Lovely Lady in mid-Atlantic, was laying off Bremerhaven waiting for a heavy fog to clear before docking at Bremen.

Captain Osborne sailed from Dover in the Lovely Lady, his 39-foot ketch, on June 23, and when rescued he was half way between New York and the Azores, with a passenger whose identity has not yet been disclosed.—Reuter.

Tribute To Sir Alan Cunningham

Jerusalem, Oct. 6.
Mrs. Frances Bolton, Republican Representative of Ohio, who talked today with the British High Commissioner for Palestine, Sir Alan Cunningham, said tonight that she had received in Jerusalem "no impression at all" as to when the British Government intended to carry out its announced intention of evacuating Palestine.

She declined to disclose her conversation with Sir Alan, but described him as one of the finest men she had ever met—calm, sensible, intelligent and devoted to the service of his country. He gave the impression of earnestly hoping for an amiable settlement for Palestine's difficulties, she said.

Mrs. Bolton and her colleague, Mr. Chester Meadow, of the House Foreign Affairs Subcommittee, and a Republican from New Hampshire, with whom she is making a tour of the Middle East, lunched with Sir Alan Cunningham at Government House.—Reuter.

South Schlesvig Minority

London, Oct. 6.
The Danish general election due at the end of this month, following the fall of the Liberal Government, will be watched with particular interest by British quarters connected with the administration of Occupied Germany.

For this election will decide whether Denmark is going to ask for a plebiscite in German South Schlesvig with a view to shifting her frontier southward, or whether she will continue to confine herself to protecting the interest of the Danish minority there.

The majority on whose support the Government of Dr. Knud Kristensen, hitherto, rested has disintegrated over South Schlesvig, and this will inevitably dominate the electoral struggle.

All Danish parties are largely united on the minimum demand contained in the Danish note of last October. This concerned the assurance of the Danish minority's cultural rights south of the border, the removal of large numbers of refugees from eastern Germany whom, in the Danish view, threaten to change the character of the area and the administrative separation of south Schlesvig from Holstein.

SELF-DENIAL DRIVE IN AMERICA FOR EUROPEAN AID

Washington, Oct. 7.
President Truman's Food Committee today charted new moves in the national campaign of "self denial," and the White House received many pledges of support in the drive to help feed Europe.

Underscoring the President's appeal, the Government renewed in more vigorous terms its request to the nation's commodity exchanges to increase margin requirements on trading in grain futures. The Commodity Exchange Commission sent telegrams to boards of directors of ten exchanges, declaring: "By direction of the President, we request that the governing board of your exchange increase the minimum initial margin requirements on all transactions in grain futures to not less than 33 1/3 percent of the market price."

This is about double the present margin rate. Meantime, the Food Committee modified its call for eggless and poultryless Thursdays to except Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's, which all fall on Thursdays this year. It asked, however, that on the Mondays before the holidays the nation forego these foods.

Congress Session

Mr. Truman also asked the nation to deny itself meat on Tuesdays, and called on each individual to save a slice of bread each day. His appeal drew swift reaction: restaurant owners gave assurance that they are cutting waste and will feature well prepared but less costly foods. Distillers, brewers and meat producers began working out details toward a goal of using less grain for alcoholic beverages and for fattening cattle. Poultry and egg dealers pledged cooperation "to the fullest extent."

Senator Bridges, chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee, said at his home in Concord, New Hampshire, that he expects President Truman to summon Congress back into a special session for Dec. 10 to take emergency action on Europe's food problems, and CIO President Philip Murray, a member of the President's Food Committee, was in accord with the call for a special session along with an appeal for Congress to replace price controls because, he said, "Profligating is the greatest source of food shortages."—Associated Press.

Vote Of Confidence In Ghavam

Tehran, Oct. 7.
Prime Minister Ghavam Es Sultaneh, after a vote of confidence in the Majlis (Parliament), today announced that he would submit a "detailed report" to the Majlis on the widely discussed project for establishment of a joint Soviet-Persian oil company to exploit the north Persian oilfields in accordance with the agreement signed with the Soviet Ambassador in 1946, when the Red Army still occupied parts of Persia.

The vote of confidence was carried by 93 votes to 12, with four blank votes and 11 abstentions.

The Prime Minister also suggested that the Persian Senate should meet at the earliest opportunity to alter the country's anachronistic constitution, which did not correspond to present day needs.

He further advocated a secret session of Parliament to discuss Persia's complaint to the United Nations last year, when the Red Army had not yet evacuated Persia according to the stipulation of the Big Three, and had, he said, openly encouraged the separatist movement in the north Persian province of Azerbaijan.

The Prime Minister hinted that the fact that the abnormal situation in Persia was still on the agenda of the United Nations Security Council, was also worth reconsideration.—Reuter.

LORD ISMAY IN BRITAIN

London, Oct. 6.
General Lord Ismay, senior adviser to Lord Mountbatten, Governor-General of India, arrived by plane at Northolt Airport today from Karachi.

He was on what was stated to be a purely unofficial visit to Britain, but it was understood that he would meet the Cabinet to give latest details of the situation in India.

Lord Ismay, who is expected to return to India in about ten days' time, declined to make any statement.—Reuter.

YEAST-PAC ?

MORE S. A. GOLD FOR BRITAIN

Johannesburg, Oct. 7.
Dr. M. H. Dekock, Governor of the South African Reserve Bank, arrived in Johannesburg by air this week-end from London after completing negotiations for aid to Britain by supplying her with more gold.

It was understood that immediate help will be the supply of 275,000,000 in gold in the form of a loan for the purpose of buying foodstuffs from South Africa, payment being made in Sterling, said the Sunday Times in Johannesburg.

Thus Britain would be able to use the gold for dollar payments. It was also understood that South Africa has undertaken to increase the amount of gold normally sold to Britain. At present, South Africa sells \$30,000,000 worth out of her normal yearly gold output. It is expected that the new arrangement will provide for the sale of upwards of \$90,000,000 to Britain.—Associated Press.



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The Exchange Banks will be closed for the transaction of public business on Friday, the 10th October, 1947.

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Selling Lotteries for the Canada Handicap (both Sections) Canberra Handicap (1st Section) and Kwangtung Handicap will be held today at 5.30 p.m. sharp.

H. S. YUNG,
Hon. Secretary.

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Any persons having claims against this vessel arising before this time and date of transfer are requested to present them promptly to Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., General Managers, Indo-China S. N. Co., Ltd., Pedder Street, Hong Kong.

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Notice to Members

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By Order,

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Actg. Secretary.

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As it seems likely that the reason for this omission, in many instances, is that the Stamp Office was not functioning fully when the deeds were signed, the Government has decided to allow them to be stamped without penalty, provided they are submitted for stamping not later than October 31, 1947.

It is emphasised however, that no further extension will be granted and therefore the public are urged to make sure that any unstamped transfer deeds are presented for stamping at the Stamp Office, Prince's Building, Ground floor, 1A Des Voeux Road Central, before the end of October 1947.

H. R. HIRST,
Collector of Stamp Duties.

Hong Kong, 1st October, 1947.

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The holders of Partly Paid Up Shares in this Company are reminded that the second call of \$2.50 per share is payable on or before the 18th October, 1947. Any such shareholder, who has not yet received a call letter in respect of this call should apply to the registered office of the Company immediately.

Shareholders who have not yet paid the first call on their shares are reminded that the Company is charging interest at the rate of 12% per annum on all overdue calls.

S. GROVE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 6th October, 1947.

CRAIGENGOWER CRICKET CLUB

A General Meeting which all Members are requested to attend will be held at the Club House on Tuesday 14th Oct. at 5.30 p.m.

Agenda: Statement of Account Report of Affairs of the Club Election of Officers. Any other business

To be followed immediately by an Extraordinary Meeting for the purpose of altering existing Rules. Copy of alterations at Bar Counter.

L. C. R. SOUSA,
Hon. Secretary.

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Owing to unforeseen circumstances the Thirty-Second Ordinary Yearly Meeting of the Shareholders of the Company which was to be held in the Board Room of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., Hong Kong, on Thursday, the Ninth day of October, 1947, at 11 a.m. is postponed indefinitely.

A further Notice will be given when a fresh date is fixed.

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U.N.O. ATTACK ON ZIONISM

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Homage To The Pope

Castel Gandolfo, Oct. 7.

Three thousand inhabitants of Castel Gandolfo paid homage to the Pope today by unveiling a marble plaque in his honour in token of their gratitude for his aid and protection during and after the war.

The Castel Gandolfians feel particularly grateful to the Pope for having been given shelter in the Papal villa here during Anglo beachhead operations and for having been spared shellfire and bombings suffered by other neighbouring towns.

They also unveiled a marble bust in memory of the late Pope Pius 11th, the present Pope's predecessor, for his help to the people.

During today's ceremonies, the Castel Gandolfians called the Pope to come to the balcony and the Pontiff graciously complied, smiling and looking well.—United Press.

Cheap Rice In P.I.

Manila, Oct. 7.

Officials of the Philippine Government Grain Control Agency said today that the price of rice dropped 45 per cent in a year since Oct. 3, 1946, and predicted further drops when the new harvest begins in December.

This year's crop is estimated at 53,500,000 sacks of 55 kilos each compared with 40,957,000 last year and 32,000,000 in 1945. Consumption is estimated at 58,500,000 which is expected to be met by hoarded carryover from the previous crop. The per capita consumption was cut by the Philippine increasing use of substitutes such as bread.

The production of copra has also sharply increased and exports in the first eight months this year total 600,500 tons. Government sources said. In August, 81,000 tons went to the United States and 33,000 tons to Europe.—Associated Press.

ABBEY BLAZE

London, Oct. 6.

Smoke from the roof of Westminster Abbey, which will be the scene of the Royal wedding next month, sent firemen rushing to the famed Church this morning, but when they arrived the Abbey's own fire-fighting staff had dealt with smouldering paint on the repainted windows.—United Press.

PILGRIMS KILLED

Naples, Oct. 6.

Eight were killed and 11 others seriously injured today when a bus, with 20 religious pilgrims visiting the Sanctuary of Monte Vergine, plunged into a 350-foot ravine near the tourist resort of Amalfi.—United Press.

URBAN COUNCIL NOTICE

It is hereby notified that it is the intention of the Government to remove all urns and remains in the Government or General Section of the Appleton Urn Cemetery and to re-bury them in New Kowloon Cemetery No. 8 (Diamond Hill Urn Cemetery). Such removal will commence on 1st April, 1948. All persons wishing to arrange for private removal of any of these urns should apply to the Secretary, Urban Council, before 1st April, 1948.

R. W. H. MAYNARD,
Secretary, Urban Council.

Hong Kong, 6th October, 1947.

DEPARTMENT OF IMPORTS & EXPORTS

NOTICE

This department will be closed on Friday, the 10th of October, 1947 for all purposes except for entry and clearance of ships' manifests between 9.00 a.m. and 10.00 a.m.

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Following Methods Of Nazism

Lake Success, Oct. 6.

The Iraq delegate, Fadhil Jamali, made a bitter attack on Zionism, which he compared with Nazism, when the United Nations Palestine Committee resumed its debate today.

"Politics should be separated from religion," he said. "In this particular instance a distinction should be made between Zionism and Judaism. Judaism is a world religion which is truly connected to Palestine, like Christianity and Islam. Zionism, on the other hand, is a modern political movement of an aggressive and virulent nature, which has nothing to do with Palestine except in its aim to penetrate the Middle East, using Palestine as the gate."

"Zionism is one of those 'isms' which has a good deal of fanaticism and chauvinism," he continued. "As time goes on, the world will more and more appreciate the harm done to Jewry and international peace and harmony through Zionism."

Nazism

"Ideologically it is 19th century nationalism, very much like Nazism, based on race mixed with religion. Practically, it follows the same methods of propaganda and the same method of aggression and penetration as those of the Nazis. Thus, it is most important that Judaism should be separated from Zionism."

Jamali made these points: "1. Zionists are invoking the principle that historical relation with a country gives the right to possession. This cannot stand universal application and acceptance. To accept it universally would mean great chaos, disturbance and struggle all over the world."

"2. Zionists are also invoking a policy of dollar diplomacy and extra-territorial rights. But the economic development of another people's country does not entitle a foreigner to political rights therein."

"3. Palestine for the Palestinians and Palestinians alone is the only right approach to the solution of the problem of Palestine."

Warning

"4. The inhabitants of the country are the sole authority on the admission of immigrants into their country."

"5. Freedom from foreign interference. Lawful citizens of any country are entitled to undisturbed possession of their country. The citizens of other countries should have no say and no right of interference in the Government or disposal of that country."

Nuri Es Sald Pasha, Iraq, warned the Committee that if the United Nations followed the same policy as Britain it would fall and make the problem more complicated than ever. He added that Britain should be called on now to fulfil her promises.

ITALIAN COLONIES: LONDON TALKS RUN INTO HITCHES

London, Oct. 6.

Big Four talks on the future of the Italian colonies in Africa struck their first snag today when Russia and the United States disagreed on what nations should be given a voice in solution of the problem.

The United States sought to give hearings only to those Allied nations whose troops fought in Africa and those countries with territorial claims against the Italian colonies.

The Russian delegate, George Zarubin, insisted that all the 17 nations which signed the Italian peace treaty, plus those with territorial claims, should be heard. To-day's meeting of the Big Four Foreign Ministers' deputies broke up without agreement, but the acting American deputy, W. J. Gaudman, agreed to submit the Russian proposal to the State Department for further consideration.

The United States' last year indicated dissatisfaction with the Russian proposal, which would bring states of the Soviet sphere—including Byelorussia, the Ukraine and Yugoslavia—into negotiation footing with the British Dominions, which played a large part in the defeat of the Axis in Africa.

British Plan

The French deputy, Rene Massigli, accepted the Soviet definition of "interested powers"—those states which, under the Italian treaty, are entitled to have a voice in the settlement of the colony question.

The British deputy, Sir Noel Charles, submitted a third suggestion—that the Big Four agree upon a deadline date before which any

Germany Trade Plan

Berlin, Oct. 7.

A plan for the revival of trade between Bulgaria and the Western Zones of Germany as a result of which, it was hoped, contracts would be concluded in the near future, was announced here today at the end of eight days talks between representatives of the British and American Governments and the delegation from Sofia.

The contracts, it was hoped, would cover such items as tobacco and food products from Bulgaria while, in turn, Bulgaria was interested in chemicals, pharmaceutical supplies and machinery from Western Germany.

The negotiations were also expected to lead to talks on the reopening of postal and telegraph communication between the two countries.

This agreement will be the 15th trade and payments pact negotiated between the combined Zones and various European countries since the beginning of the year.

Agreements have already been reached with three other Balkan countries—Hungary, Yugoslavia and Greece.—Reuter, United Press.

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A "Boystown" in the New Territories where young mis-doers would be taught to remedy their ways without police supervision, is the ambition of the Boys and Girls Association in Hong Kong.

A scheme whereby the organization, working in close co-operation with the authorities, would run a self-contained settlement for the benefit of youths who pass through the magistrates' courts has been under consideration for some months.

At the present time, a small camp, similar to the one at Stanley which was set up in January last year, now houses 100 boys who were given the opportunity to go there at the discretion of law officers instead of being sent to the reformatory.

The large scale "Boystown" which is envisaged in the future, however, is entirely dependent on voluntary aid from the public.

Certain authentic offers have been made towards the construction of such a site but the maintenance cost would be very heavy. To achieve its minor plans for the future, the Association needs funds. Its budget for the coming year is estimated at \$120,000 which will provide for only its present commitments. These include 18 clubs scattered throughout Hong Kong and Kowloon, and the Stanley camp.

H.K. REEL CLUB MEMBERSHIP

The "position" regarding the acceptance of new members into the H.K. Reel Club was incorrectly stated in our report of the proceedings at Monday's annual meeting. The Reel Club now has a very substantial membership, but new members will be accepted in the usual way, subject to periodic reviews of the position by the Committee. Old members may resign automatically.

Members of the Committee appointed in addition to the ex-officio members were Mrs. G. Wright and Mr. R. W. A. MacKichan.

V. F. Murray, P.O. Box 11, Papatoetoe, Auckland, N.Z., who was one of the first men to land in Hong Kong from H.M.S. "Venerable" in August, 1846, is anxious for "pen pals" in Hong Kong. He is 29.

"PRINCESS OF INDUSTRY"

Later, Oct. 7.
Miss June Slater, factory worker, set out today for Belgium as Leicester's goodwill "Princess of Industry". Wearing the products of Leicester's factories she will attend receptions, to be received by the Burgomaster of Brussels and will visit Belgian factories.—Associated Press.

WAR MEMORIAL DONATIONS

Anonymous \$200, Total \$200; Hong Kong Government Contribution \$200; to Oct. 8 \$2,888,401.02; Grand Total \$2,888,601.02.

Mr. D. Fitches, Superintendent of Mails, was complainant in the case of Fung Ying Ki, General Post Office clerk, who was charged before Mr. F. X. d'Almada at Central yesterday for having on Oct. 6 negligently endangered the safety of a postal packet and was remanded for 40 hours. Bail in the sum of \$250 was allowed.

Speaker On Hypnotism Relaxes Rotarians

Mr. H. D. Litchfield, Far Eastern Supervisor of the Starr Insurance Corporation of New York, speaking on "Hypnotism at yesterday's weekly luncheon of the Rotary Club, not those present through a course of complete relaxation at the end of his talk.

They were told to close their eyes and relax their mind and body completely for three minutes while all the time listening to his hypnotic talk. At the end of the exercise some were observed rubbing "sleepy eyes" and all admitted they had been completely relaxed.

Mr. Litchfield explained that hypnotism was drawing something from the subconscious mind which, unlike the conscious mind, never forgets. It was possible, through hypnotism, to bring the memory back over the years to the most trivial incident which to the conscious mind might have become a complete blank.

Hypnotism did not go back to the past alone but covered also the present and reached out into the future, explained the speaker. He dealt with the subconscious urge, of habits growing out of the subconscious mind which could, through hypnotic influence, be entirely eliminated.

Mr. Litchfield also spoke on auto-suggestion and self-hypnosis. The latter, he said, was a mode of suggestion to one's own subconscious mind, which was the most difficult thing of all.

The power of hypnosis in inducing sleep to those suffering from insomnia was touched upon by the speaker who gave instances of how sufferers had been cured through auto suggestion.

The speaker was thanked by Rotarian Dr. Nicholson.

Opium Den Keeper Gaoled

Charged with being the keeper of an opium den on the ground floor of No. 373 Queen's Road West, and with a previous conviction, Pak Kau was sentenced to six months' imprisonment, while eight smokers were fined \$40 or four days by Mr. F. X. d'Almada at Central yesterday.

For keeping an opium den at the rear portion of the ground floor of No. 373 Swatow Lane, Chak Ki was fined \$750 or three months' imprisonment. Seven addicts found on the premises were each fined \$30 or four days.

Charged with being the keeper of a heroin den on the first floor of 27 Lee Tung Street, Lee Chak was sentenced to six months' imprisonment. Seven addicts found on the premises were each fined \$35 or five days. Inspector Moran prosecuted in all cases.

Quarantine restrictions have been imposed against arrivals from Egypt on account of cholera and that the quarantine restrictions imposed by health authorities in the Netherlands East Indies against arrivals from Hong Kong on account of smallpox have been removed.

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6.00 p.m.—Studio: Children's Half-Hour.
6.30 p.m.—Film: Memories.
7.00 p.m.—Edith Lozano and Her Violoncello.
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8.10 p.m.—London Relay: Home News from Britain.
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8.15 p.m.—"We Sing for You" Fredy Leder and Gerhard Busch.
9.30 p.m.—B.B.C. Transcription Service: "The Three Musketeers".
10.00 p.m.—Dumas, Episode 3 "The Musketeers".
10.05 p.m.—London Relay: News.
10.10 p.m.—Weather Report.
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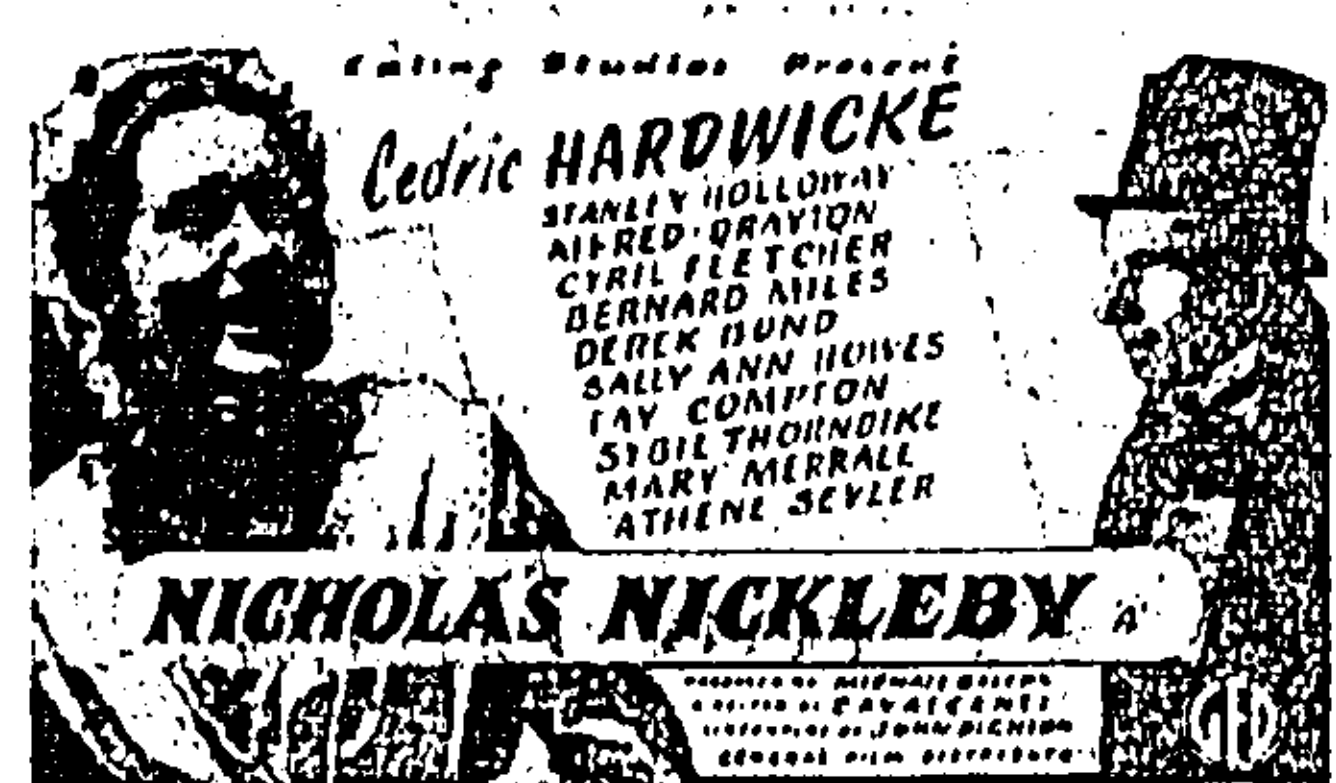
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COMMUNISM'S CHALLENGE

The challenge thrown out by Moscow's announcement of a Communist conference in Poland and the setting up in Belgrade of a 'Communist International Information Bureau' is unmistakable. No serious attempt is, in fact, made to disguise the meaning of the development. The joint statement issued after the inauguration conference contains in its preamble the pronouncement that two hostile camps have been formed in the world, and goes on to define the world situation in these terms: "On the one side, the imperialist and anti-democratic camp, which has for its essential aim the establishment of the world domination of American imperialists, and the crushing of democracy, and, on the other, the anti-imperialist and democratic camp, whose essential aim consists in destroying imperialism, reinforcing democracy and liquidating the remains of fascism." It goes on: "The struggle between the two camps is developing under conditions of the continued accentuation of the general capitalist crisis, the weakening of the forces of capitalism, and the strengthening of the forces of socialism and democracy." Language such as this leaves no room for subtlety. On the face of it, Moscow and Moscow's satellites, allied with powerful Communist organisations in countries which have not yet surrendered to persistent infiltration tactics, have declared open ideological warfare on the rest of the world. It is possible, perhaps, to attach too much importance to the disclosure at this particular moment. There is always a bare possibility that Russia, engaged in what is perhaps a decisive diplomatic struggle with the United States at Lake Success, has thought it expedient to whip up the big battalions to throw into the war of nerves now being waged. Some support for this view may be discovered in the choice of Belgrade as the headquarters of the new organisation, in preference to the natural home of the Comintern, which is Moscow. Escape is easier if events compel Russia to pull in her horns. This view, however, savours of wishful thinking. Satter and wiser it would be to accept the Communist conference as one more link in a chain of events, each one emphasising the cleavage between the countries of Eastern Europe and the West and tending towards the open breach that regrettably has long seemed to be inevitable. It warns that the Comintern, supposed to have been abolished in 1943, has been reconstituted. What that means is easy to predict. It may be recalled that the first Comintern, established even before the Bolsheviks took control of Russia in 1917, expected, in the chaos following the war, to be able to precipitate a revolution that would run round the globe. Attempts to seize power were actually made in Hungary and other countries. When these fizzled out, Stalin shelved the programme until Russia could be made more powerful industrially and militarily and a more propitious moment arrived. It is known, too, that Stalin was among the first to foresee the Second World War and to anticipate widespread upheaval, economically and politically, that was bound to follow. Russian signature of a non-aggression pact with Hitler was, in fact, the signal for the outbreak. Since the Cess Fire, every move made by Russia has gone to support the belief that the Politburo intend to make the most of Com-

A BRIEF SOJOURNER LOOKS AT SHANGHAI

By MARGARET BRADBURY

Before I went to Shanghai recently, a visitor to Hong Kong said: "One of the few pleasant things about living in Shanghai to-day is when one looks down on the city from the top of a high building after dark." This remark remained unexplained until a week or two ago when a first hand view proved it to be correct.

To see Shanghai from the roof or top floor of any office or apartment block in the late evening is to observe a breathtaking sight. All the dirt, poverty, and corruption that exists in the streets below is

hidden. Gazing down at the myriads of twinkling lights set in a background of darkness, which stretch for miles around the centre area, one is able to forget what a mess postwar Shanghai presents in the light of day.

Five days spent in a strange city is not long enough to qualify for a detailed and fair description afterwards, therefore this article is strictly confined to my own observations in that time. One of the first sights which drew my attention in Shanghai was the hundreds of urchins, beggars and hawkers who

litter the stairways leading up to its largest modern buildings on the Bund. Not only do the hawkers take up a large part of the broad stone steps, but they encroach over the entire pavements so that the pedestrian is forced to walk on the road—or in the gutter where the risk of being knocked down by a passing vehicle is not quite so great.

The hazard encountered in crossing a main road in Shanghai's business centre to-day, if carried out for any length of time, would be an extremely simple way of gaining a nervous breakdown. Irrespective of traffic lights or policemen—who seem to have only a modicum of authority over the Chinese ped-

estrian endeavours to cross the road. And no one is ever left in doubt in Shanghai about who should get out of the way. The pedicab coolies, who represent the dirtiest and most malevolent humans I have ever seen, cross the road or continue along a road when and how it pleases them. Indeed, a citizen of Hong Kong would find it unpleasant in the extreme to walk for long in the busy part of Shanghai. Nor on the other hand is it pleasant to ride in a taxi cab because any pleasure gained from sitting in the back of the city's pre-war vintage hacks, is ruined upon reaching the appointed destination by an inevitable argument concerning the price of the fare or the tip to the driver.

In Shanghai incidentally, taxis are engaged by time, that is to say for a 20 minute or 30 minute period, instead of the ordinary meter method, as the traffic congestion renders this impractical.

Prices, as journalists and commercial firm representatives have been telling us for months, are fantastic. Food is sold in the restaurants at unprintable times the actual market price. Hotel accommodation is about three times as expensive as in Hong Kong while the flat hunter is faced with the thought of a sum of key money which would have bought a detached house in the suburbs in England before the war, US\$10,000 and US\$15,000 are not uncommon amounts required by the flat owner before a would-be occupant may move in and rent it. No definite contract is given as a rule, I was assured by a Chinese apartment owner who now has so much capital that he lives exclusively in the most expensive hotel in Shanghai. All imported goods are sold at about twice the price they fetch in Hong Kong. Portable English and American typewriters sell at about HK\$2,000 each.

Apart from the high cost of living and the depressing state of chaos apparent in Shanghai, an uneasy tension pervades the atmosphere of the city resulting from the fluctuating currency situation and the inflation of the Chinese National money. The Almighty Dollar reigns supreme to-day and the Shanghai populace are its slaves. All who can in Shanghai, turn their National currency into commodities which will retain their purchasing value at any time on any market and as objects of gold, silver, platinum, steel encased watches and precious stones.

To sum up my short stay in Shanghai can be done best by revealing that when the aircraft

Red Initiative In China's Civil War

By JAMES D. WHITE

The Chinese Government and Communist Armies have played another round in the deadly game of musical chairs called civil war. Punches and space have been traded again. No victory is in sight for either side. But the Communists continue on a strategic offensive in a vast, sprawling struggle where, thus far, they have been able to maintain overall initiative.

100 Years Ago

(From the files of the "China Mail")

It is currently reported that the Chinese have offered a reward for the assassination of the Governor of this Colony. "We are not singular in the opinion that it is his duty to take some precaution, were it merely to show the Chinese that their character is appreciated. . . . The unguarded and unprotected way in which the Governor and his family drive about in the evenings, holds out temptations to a vindictive and principled race who do not look upon the assassination of a foreigner as a crime on the contrary, many consider it a laudable act, and are only restrained from its performance by the risk of detection. . . .

We would suggest that horses be procured for a few of the Royal Artillery, and that they accompany the Governor's carriage as a guard. Apart from any idea of danger, a military guard is a becoming and common enough portion of a colonial Governor's establishment. In colonies where assassination is never dreamt of, it is usual to see the Governor's carriage preceded and followed by a couple of mounted troopers. In Hongkong it is highly proper that the custom be established at once.

"Dear Sir,—I consider it my duty to give you the following information as a caution to commanders of vessels passing the Island of Hainan. While off the Island of Hainan at 8 P.M. Tongson Mount bearing NE 1/2 E with light Southerly air, I was surrounded by at least 50 or 60 large-size China boats under sail, each apparently containing from 10 to 12 men, who ran up alongside of us and rounded to, as if to examine us, while shifting our masts.

"Not being prepared for any attack I made all sail to a light breeze, which came up at the time, and stood out to sea, leaving most astern, who stood close after me for some time.

"I counted about 25 of the vessels following and had every reason to think their intentions were hostile and that they would have boarded me had they been able.—Robt. Thompson, Commander of the brig 'Dido' of Calcutta."

The fleet of boats seen off Hainan by the "Dido" is no doubt the fleet that plundered the large Junk from Singapore which lately arrived here under command of Captain Naylor.

The Communists' big chance to dominate the world, and that the deliberate policy of obstruction pursued by Russia at every international convocation has had, as its main objective, the perpetuation of world disequilibrium and economic chaos until such time as the seeds of Communism have been well sown. International collaboration, guiding the world towards peace and recovery, has been in conflict with Soviet policy. The Russian announcement today now poses this situation clearly and defiantly. The rift between wartime Allies, of Russia's making, is depicted not as a development to be deplored but as an incentive to ideological combat. Of all the shocks to the complacency produced by Russia in the last two years, there has been nothing more ominous than this.

The present round began about two months ago, shortly after the Wedemeyer Mission reached China, when Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek hurled his American equipped Army, Navy and Airforce against the Communists on the Shantung Peninsula. They now have about completed a process of overrunning this difficult terrain, thereby cutting the Communists off from whatever connection they had by sea with the Manchurian Communists.

To do this, however, Chiang had to pull troops out of Anhwei, Kiangsu and Southern Honan provinces. This left a military vacuum, into which surged one-eyed General Liu Po-cheng and his Communist raiders from Northern Honan. Shortly, he was joined by Communist groups from Tsinanji itself, under Generals Chen Keng and Chen Yi. The latter kept this trust on Nanjing's doorstep by rising reversely from a grave which apparently had been dug only in a Nanking propaganda office.

The Shantung campaign obviously pointed toward bigger things later in the more important Manchurian theatre to the north. It was accompanied by Chinese and American diplomatic notes to Soviet Russia regarding the port of Dairen and by a reshuffling of the Chinese Army Command in the Manchurian theatre.

It was placed under the able Nanking General, Chen Cheng. However, in North China and Manchuria, there is a tall sorghum crop, knollard, which is ideal for Communist guerrilla operations but pretty poor if you fight in the orthodox manner, as Nanking generally does. This crop is "reaching the harvest stage."

In the meantime, the Communists have darted through his excellent cover, over a very long front, to riddle the Government rail lines and isolate seriously its two supply ports of Huludao and Yingkou.

In Mukden, the great Manchurian industrial city and advance base headquarters, things are so bad that Chinese civilians are reported to be paying any price for an air passage down to Peking.

As the Communists mangle the railways, they strike also at Government coal resources. Shanghai, Tientsin and Peking probably face a nearly hellish winter. A recent arrival from Peking says that he expects that city to spend most of the winter with its rail-line to the sea broken, and its food supply from the countryside similarly interrupted. It is his opinion that at almost any time since the Japanese war ended, the Communists could have taken Peking, had they considered it worth the effort. That is debatable, but raises the interesting point that the Communists continue to leave the big cities severely alone. This means that they prefer to go of waging a longer but winning war out in the sticks and leave the Government-held cities to shiver in the winter and hunger around the calendar until they rot on the vine. This is highly significant, because it indicates that the Communists in China Proper still are deciding Communist strategy. It is contrary to the city-seizing preferences of the Manchurian Communists, who are closer to Soviet Russia—Associated Press.

"FAIR PLAY" APPEAL

London, Oct. 6.

Seven hundred United Kingdom employees of the strike-bound American Overseas Airlines today cabled an appeal to the Airline Pilots' Association for "fair play" in seeking means to end the present strike and to bring the airline back to normal. The appeal was signed by the following: United Press, Associated Press, and the club of the day.

CARNIVAL

By Dick Turnor



"All I can say is we'll feel mighty foolish putting up with his rotten disposition all those years if he isn't a genius!"

European Exiles Decline To Give Up

New York, Sept. 30.

Efforts by exiled representatives of Russian dominated countries of southeastern Europe to bring their plight before the United Nations have

By ROY ROBERTS

touched off what may develop into a momentous and widespread movement of resistance against Soviet expansion.

Not that there is any chance of revolt by democratic forces in Bulgaria, Hungary, Yugoslavia or Rumania. Russian control appears to be growing stronger rather than weaker. Opposition within those countries is being suppressed with vigorous success. While native Anti-Communists are treated to blackmail, imprisonment and death, efforts are being made to improve the lot of the unresisting lower classes and bring them into the Communist fold.

Barriers erected between the Russian sphere and Western

wheels touched down firmly at Kai Tak airport, once again I breathed a sigh of relief and thought: Thank goodness to be once again in a city where law, order and justice play such a large part in its administration. A free press, free speech and a stable currency are revealing that when the aircraft

Europe, coupled with the reparations set-up, have forced the integration of the business and industry of these countries with that of Russia. The pressure is so great that even Czechoslovakia, which has retained considerable internal autonomy, appears to have no foreign policy she can call her own. And there are strong indications that Eastern Germany and the Russian zone of Austria are headed for a new Anschluss as a Russian colony, whether it be presented as a Soviet republic or under some other guise.

In spite of all this, the joint action of exiled leaders in seeking United Nations action does represent a sort of preliminary coagulation of resistance within the Russian sphere. Latvia, Lithuania and Estonia, still not recognized as Soviet republics by the western powers, have long been conducting a similar campaign through exiled government officials. They constitute an important underground. So do Poles, Ukrainians and others who operate throughout Central Europe in bands sufficiently large, well-organized and well armed as to offer formidable opposition to regular Polish, Czech and Russian army units which have tried to break them up.

Anti-Russian leaders are constantly helping out. There are indications that others of major importance may be on the verge of doing so. They are making efforts to collect money deposited in foreign banks by former autonomous regimes, and laying the foundation of a resistance movement similar to that conducted against the Nazis by other exiled governments during the war.

Some of them carry credentials as plenipotentiary representatives of entire parties at home, a very important angle. Because of the very nature of prewar governments in Europe, many of the wartime exiled governments in London and Cairo were not truly representative of the peoples at home and proved largely ineffective.

The new coalescing exiles represent a different stratum. They come from peasant parties with strong Socialist tendencies, group which are nearly democratic than anything these feudal countries have ever known, but which were often sidestepped by American and British diplomats. Immediately after the war, because they were "too leftist," there was no exploitation of their possibilities before the Russians captured it. The odds think it is not too late. What they can do about it remains to be seen but at any rate they apparently do not intend to let the Communist conquest be solidified by default.—Associated Press.

BARCLAY ON BRIDGE

By Shepard Barclay

"The Authority on Authority"

SEEK AN IMPROBABILITY

Whenever a declarer sees that a bad score for him is certain if the defenders' cards are divided in any of the various probable ways, it is high time for him to take another look and see if there is any improbable arrangement which could save points. If there is, the plucky fighter will so conduct his campaign as to profit if that improbability happens to prevail. It won't work out for him in very high per centage of the time, but the few times that it does, will pay him an occasional dividend for his pluck.

S Q 10 9 8
H B 5 4
D 7 6 3
C 8 7 6

SA 7 4
H 3 2
D 9 8 2
C 10 6 4

H 3 6 3
H A K Q 10 6
D J
C A K J 3

(Dealer West. Neither side vulnerable.)
West North East South
ID Pass 2C 3H
Pass Pass 4D 4H
Pass Pass Dbl

Even South himself didn't particularly approve of that bid—after he saw the dummy, especially when he reflected on the possibility of having set his opponent's contract with two tricks each in hearts and clubs if he had passed the 4-Diamond bid. Here he was in a really bad spot, certain to go down a trick with one lost in diamonds and two in spades plus another trick or even two in clubs if the trumps failed to come in mind the consequences of their action.—United Press

Then he looked to see if there might be some improbable way to pull the game through. He found it and tried for it. After the diamond K won, he ruffed the A with the heart 10, very carefully retaining the 6. He decided to try to find one defender holding the heart J and 9 alone, in which event he might have an entry to dummy to use the last spade for a club discard—if one opponent would be a bit kindly and not lead a fourth diamond or a third trump at the harmful time.

He thereupon laid down the heart A and K and was delighted to see the J and 9 drop, then led the spade J. West won with the K and returned another diamond, which the heart Q ruffed. A second spade to the Q was won by the A, and East now obligingly returned the club 5. South won with the A, led the heart 6 to the B, scored the spade 10, discarded the club 8 on the spade 9, then led the diamond 10 of the club J, which worked. The club K then completed the contract, which could not have been made except with a series of improbabilities working.

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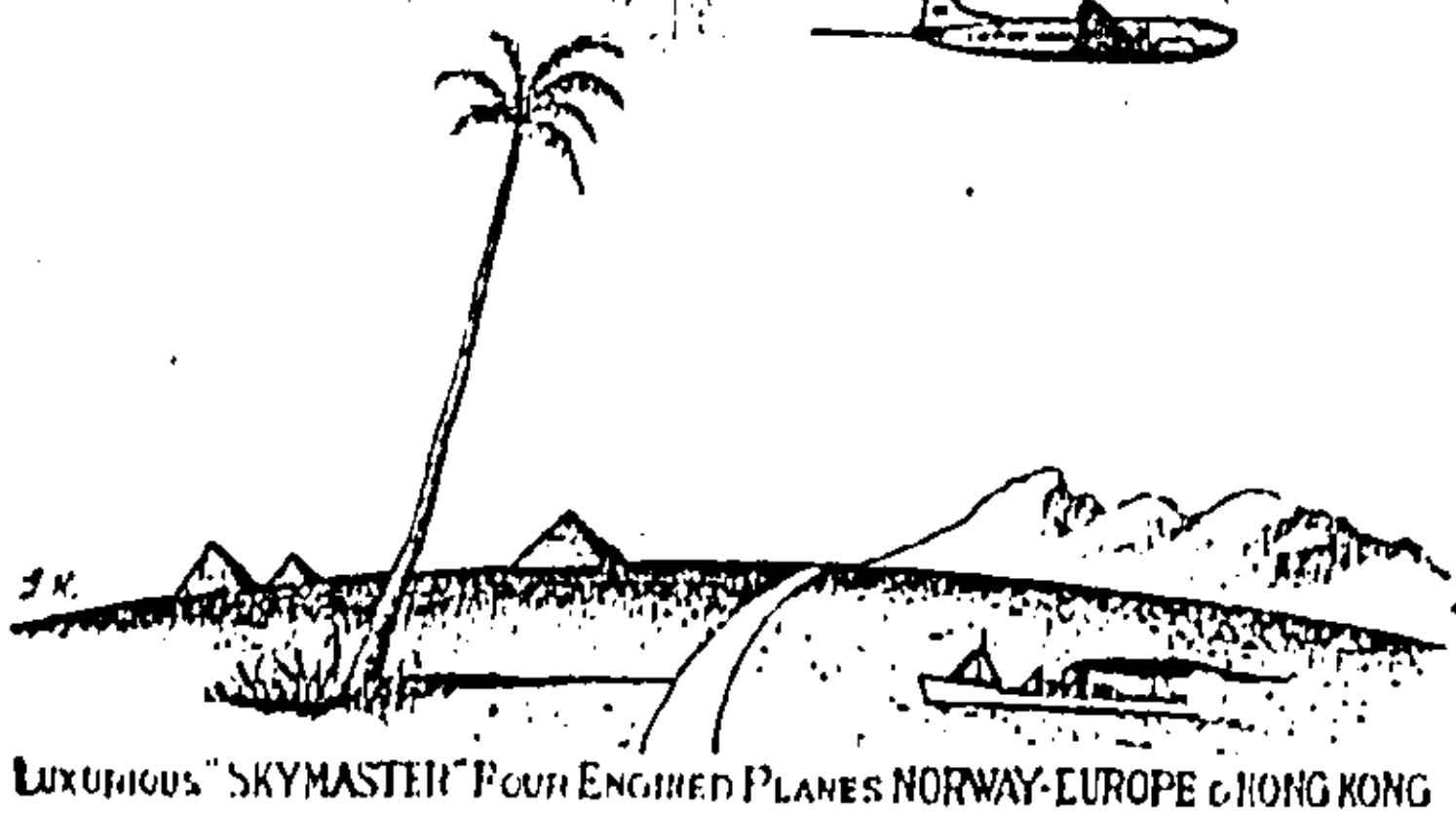
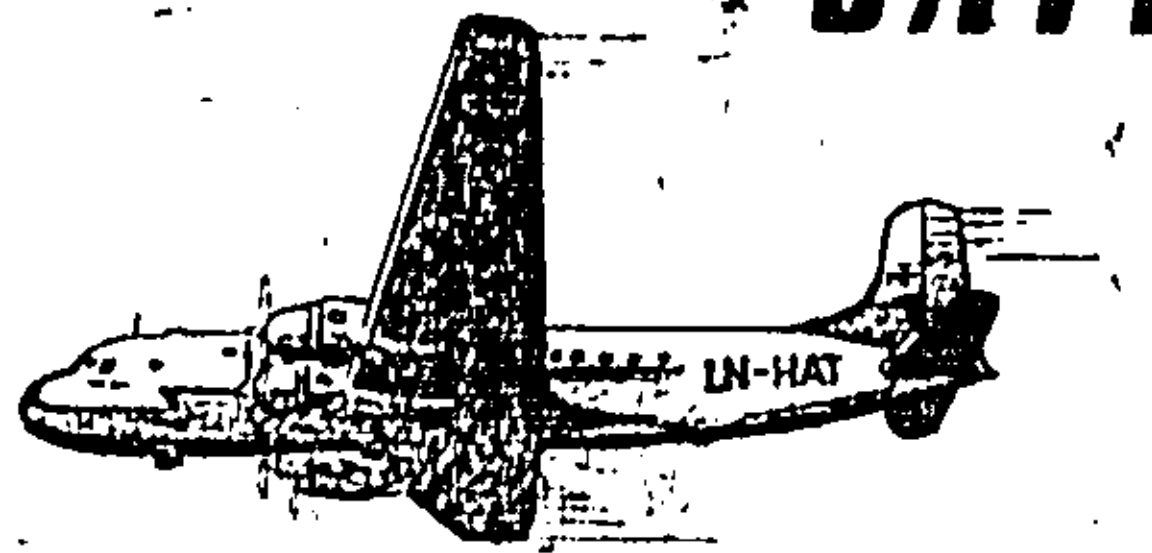
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LIFE AND DEATH DECISION

Call For Action To Protect Greece

"Watchdog" Body For Border

Lake Success, Oct. 6.
South Africa today intervened in the United Nations Political Committee debate to call for action to "protect" Greece from "interference." The spokesman was Mr. H. G. Lawrence, who said that the question before the United Nations was whether they were willing and able to preserve the political independence and territorial integrity of a member nation, "which, prima facie is threatened by another member of our own organisation and by two nations which have already applied for membership."

"This is possibly a decision of life and death for the Greeks, but it is certainly a crucial decision for the U.N.O.," he said.

"It will undoubtedly show whether this organisation has the power and moral courage effectively to ensure the maintenance of internal sovereignty in a member state."

Mr. Lawrence offered South Africa's support to a United States resolution calling for the establishment of a "watchdog" commission on the Greek border. The suggestion that the United States had ulterior motives in coming to the assistance of Greece had been effectively answered, he said, adding: "My Government for their part do not believe that the American Government have any ulterior designs upon the rest of the world. They welcome the effort which the American Government are making in many fields to remedy unsettled conditions in this difficult post-war period."

Russian View

Dr. Herbert Eviatt, of Australia, said that the General Assembly should support the findings of the Balkan Commission as they are based on the Commission's report, which was wrong.

More Will Die From Starvation

Lake Success, Oct. 6.
Sir John Boyd Orr, Director General of the Food and Agricultural Organisation, told the United Nations Economic Committee here today, "the number of people in Europe and Asia who will die from the direct or indirect effects of food shortage in the next 12 months will be greater than the number killed in fighting or bombing in any year of the war."

Sir John warned that the crisis would not end with the 1948 harvest, but the shortage would continue for many years. "This presents an opportunity to the nations assembled here to concentrate less on political problems and concentrate more on concrete problems on which there can be no misunderstanding."

Stressing that the food situation in Asia was just as bad as in Europe, Sir John said that because of an anticipated increase in population, food production would need to be increased by 110 per cent in the next 25 years to provide sufficient food for the whole population of the world.—Reuters.

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(1) The facts refute the accusations levelled at Yugoslavia, Bulgaria and Albania, which were "unjust and artificial."

(2) The facts leave no doubt that all guilt and responsibility rests with the Greek Government.

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(3) Blame was shared by the governments who intervened in Greece, by supporting "reactionary and anti-democratic forces" and were trying to take advantage of the situation for their expansionary purposes.

(4) The Soviet delegation rejects the United States resolution in favour of the establishment of a new Balkan Commission "because it is based on false data."

Mr. Vyshinsky said that if such a resolution were adopted it would be a "new obstacle to promote peace and security in the Balkans."

The Soviet delegation was convinced that the only right solution to the Greek problem was immediately to withdraw foreign troops and other foreign experts, to give the Greek people the opportunity to settle their own problems on the basis of democratic principles.—Reuters.

Left Wing Member On Comintern

Belgrade, Oct. 6.
The British Member of Parliament, Konni Zilliacus, a leader of the Left Wing of the Labour Party today gave a left-handed endorsement to declarations of a new European Comintern.

"Broadly speaking, what the Communist declaration states is not an unfaithful picture of the actual situation existing today," Mr. Zilliacus told reporters.

Discussing the attack on "Right Wing Socialists," contained in the new Communist declaration, he said, "Ever since 1943 I have been warning the Labour Party that we must cooperate sincerely with all working class movements in Europe that count if we want to rebuild Europe along Socialist lines as we are pledged to do."

"Instead, however, Transport House (Labour Party headquarters) has been doing its best to split the European working class. All they succeeded in doing is to wall high destroy those Socialist parties that listened to Transport House. The new Communist bureau is actually an exact replica of the organization Transport House has set up for European Socialist parties."

"The whole result of Labour Party policy is that the Socialist parties will be in an exceedingly difficult position. I hope this event will rouse the mass of the British working class to realize the necessity of international working class unity on a political plane such as already exists in the World Federation of Trade Unions."

—United Press.

Given Another Week

Singapore, Oct. 6.
The Soviet trade representative at Singapore, M. Nicolai Plakhin, who was reported yesterday to have had the renewal of his visa refused, was today given permission by the Singapore immigration authorities to extend his stay for a week.

This extension was granted at the request of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce to enable him to complete his arrangements for the purchase of rubber.

When Mr. Plakhin's visa difficulties were first reported in July, it was suggested that they might be linked with a reported Soviet refusal to extend similar facilities to British trade representatives in Russia.—Reuters.

REMEMBRANCE DAY

London, Oct. 6.
His Majesty the King has decided that Sunday, Nov. 9, will be observed throughout the United Kingdom as Remembrance Day for the men who fell in the first and second World Wars, the Home Office announced tonight.

The Home Secretary is handling details, which will be sent to all parts of the Empire.

A two-minute silence will be observed at 11 a.m., when traffic will be suspended.

The statement says that the King feels assured there will be general cooperation in observance of Remembrance Day as there was for Armistice Day in previous years.—Reuters.

Reds Fire On Queen's Plane

Munich, Oct. 6.
Queen Helen of Rumania told United States Air Force officials at the Munich airport that her private, three-engine German Junker was forced to land near the Czech-Hungarian border today by two Russian fighter planes.

The Queen, en route to Zurich from Bucharest, stopped off at the American Zone airport to refuel.

Sir said she was detained for a short period and permitted to leave after higher Soviet authorities had given her an official clearance.

Her English woman companion, also in the plane at the time of the forced landing, said she looked out of the window and saw a green Russian fighter plane diving at them and later firing a warning shot across the nose of the plane.—United Press.

Hush-Hush At Hartnell's

By GLEN WILLIAMS

I had no idea that I was one of the world's select people until Monday afternoon when three doormen let me through the black marble portals of Norman Hartnell's fashion shop for the occasion of his first look at Princess Elizabeth's wedding gown.

But there, I was with the rest—a mere handful—of the writers invited to see the materials in advance so that we will know how to describe the dresses when the great day comes.

There will be another gathering later on to see the finished products.

Almost all of us select people were men doubly sworn to secrecy and oh what I saw—positively three bolts of cloth. But not until I scratched my signature over two different oaths to keep it dark.

Both of them said about the same "I won't tell" but the man who writes Foreign Office communiqués must have written them both because he covered every little odd item that anybody might want to tell. And I even had to have a letter from the boss to prove I was who I said I was and not a spy from one of those mass production places.

But back to these bolts of cloth that I can't tell about. There was a piece for the wedding gown. It was draped over a genuine antique regency sofa in Hartnell's personal room. I started to feel it, but the lady who showed us around said "No." There was another piece draped over a pedestal for the going away dress.

Now for a secret. This going away dress, said the lady, is absolutely a new colour. All I can tell is this: It was draped across a leopard skin rug under the pedestal and there was a considerable difference between the leopard hide and the piece of goods.—Associated Press.

Anti-Cholera Barrier

Jerusalem, Oct. 6.
The Palestine Government health authorities set up today an anti-cholera "barrier" covering several hundred square miles of desert south of a line running east from Gaza to Beersheba and the Dead Sea and south to the Palestine-Egypt frontier.

All vehicles, except Army, Police and Health Department cars, are forbidden to move inside this "No Man's Land."

Seven persons who entered Haifa from Egypt by sea over the week-end and failed to report to the Health authorities as required by regulations were fined up to the maximum, of £15.—Reuters.

Asiatics Capable Of Self-Government

New York, Oct. 6.
The Herald-Tribune, commenting editorially on "occasional comments to the effect that Asiatics never can learn to rule themselves and will long regret the departure of European administrators from areas now self-governing or will become soon," said:

"There is no sound reason to believe the inhabitants of Asia have any less basic capacity for handling their own affairs than the inhabitants of any other continent.... Governments of many kinds, some of them of superior quality, have been created in Asia in the past and flourished for long periods."

"The current troubles in Asia arise from many causes. One major one certainly is that millions of Asiatics have been ruled by Europeans for periods ranging from a generation or two as in Indo-China to hundreds of years as in Java."

"The Asiatic finding himself ruled by outlanders replaced his devotion to the state or devotion to the culture that controlled his behaviour with some other emotional attachment.... Such attitudes will not change completely of course for years or generations. But they can be changed."—United Press.

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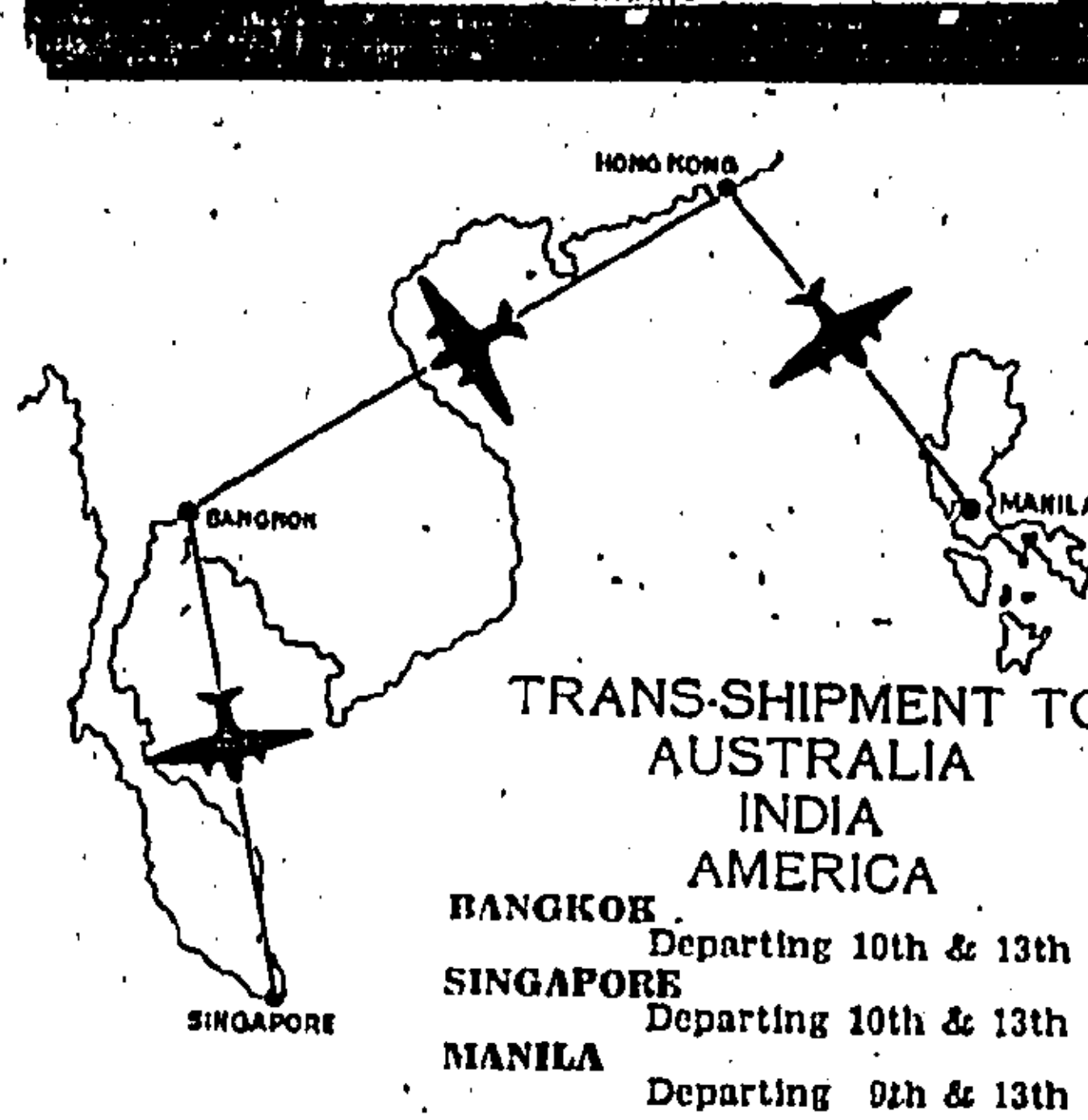
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Through numbers (11 races—\$25) may be obtained at the Office of the Treasurer, 1st Floor, Exchange Building, all tickets for the Special Cash Sweep (\$200) on the Kwangtung Handicap.

KWANGTUNG HANDICAP
The sale of cash sweep tickets on the Kwangtung Handicap WILL CEASE at 11.00 a.m. on Saturday, 11th October.

MEMBERS' BADGES AND ENCLOSURE.
Members are reminded that they and their ladies MUST wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the Meeting.

NO ONE WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.
Badges admitting non-members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$10 each, including tax are obtainable through the Secretary on the written or personal introduction of a member, such member to be responsible for all chits etc.

Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will NOT be on sale at the RACE COURSE.

The Treasurer's Comptroller Office will close at 11 a.m. and the Secretary's Office at 12.00 noon. Both Offices at 1st Floor, Exchange Building.

A limited number of tiffins will be obtainable at the Club House, provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Box (Tel. 22510).

NO CHILDREN WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE CLUB'S PREMISES DURING THE MEETING.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.
The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is \$3 each day including tax for all persons including ladies and is payable at the Gate.

Bookmakers, Tio Tao men, etc., will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of The Hong Kong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting.

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